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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A resin molding die comprising:

at least an upper die and a lower die provided with a cavity into which a liquid resin is injected to form the resin upon curing;

a resin inlet <u>provided</u> within the upper die to inject the liquid resin through which a liquid resin to be cured is injected into the cavity; and

an a first air vent through which air within the cavity and the resin inlet is released to an exterior space of the resin molding die when the liquid resin is injected into the cavity by means of self-weight thereof. during injection of the resin, the air vent being provided on an opposite side from the resin inlet with respect to the cavity.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A resin molding die according to claim 1, wherein:

the resin is a thermosetting resin; and

at least a portion of the resin inlet is in an open state when the resin molding die is heated to or above a curing temperature of the thermosetting resin during injection of the resin.

Claims 6-13 (Canceled)

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14. (New) The resin molding die of claim 1, wherein the first air vent is provided at an opposite side of the resin inlet with respect to the cavity of the upper die.

15. (New) The resin molding die of claim 14, further comprising a second air vent provided at an opposite side of the resin inlet with respect to the cavity with a space to flow the injected resin into the resin inlet by means of self-weight thereof or a pressure close to self-weight.

16. (New) The resin molding die of claim 15, wherein the second air vent is formed by a gap between the upper die and the lower die, the gap being adapted to fill the resin into the cavity, to extrude air disposed in the cavity to the second air vent by means of the injected resin and to not discharge the resin injected into the second air vent to the exterior space upon curing the injected resin within the second air vent.